

# Welcome

## I-35 Capital Express South Project

I-35 from SH 71/Ben White Boulevard to SH 45 SE

## Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
TxDOT South Travis Area Office
9725 S. I-35, Austin, TX 78744

## Why am I here?

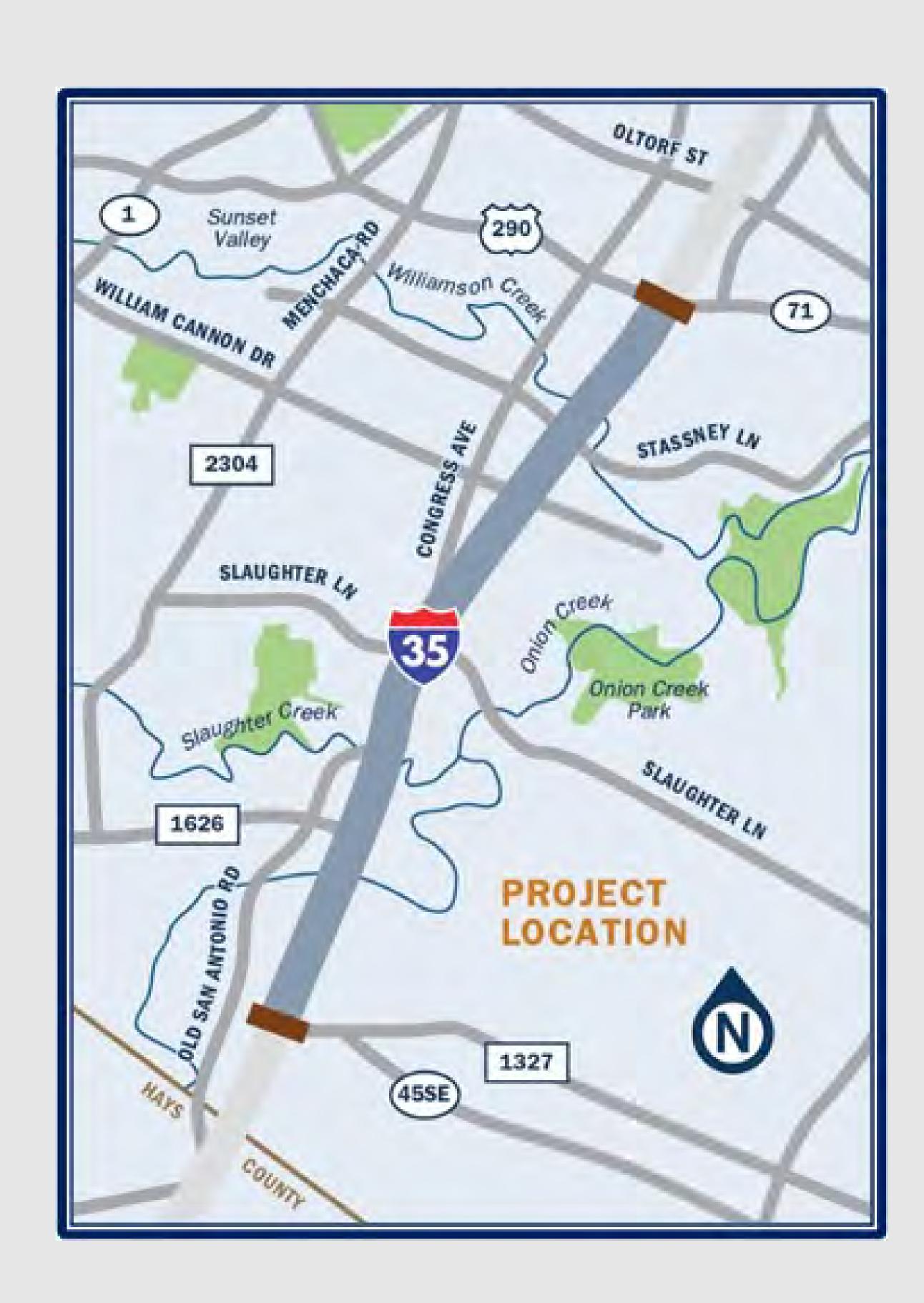
- Learn about the project status and project recommendations
- Provide comments on the proposed program

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### I-35 Capital Express South Project Location, Need and Purpose

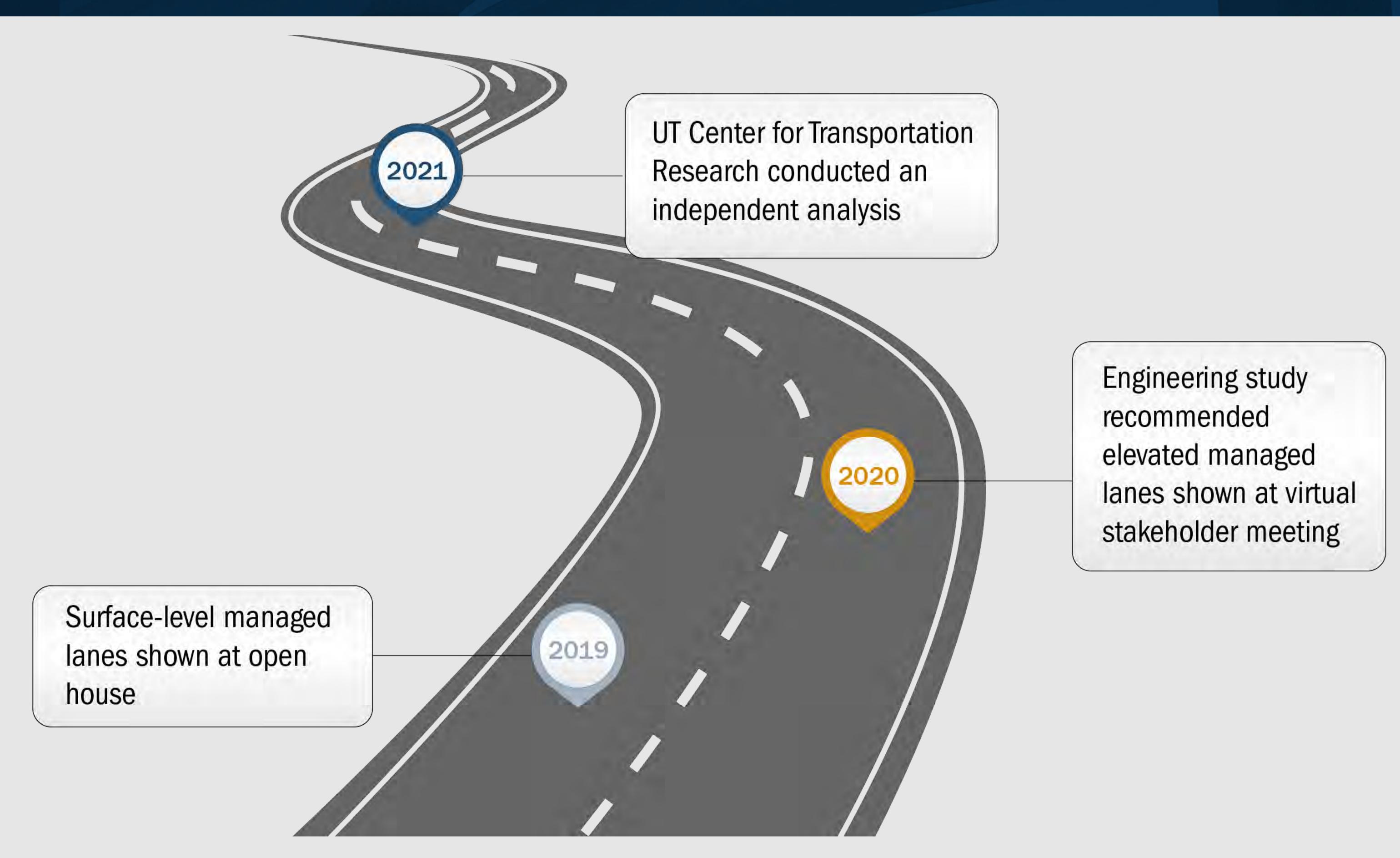


- Project Limits:
- -I-35 from SH 71/Ben White Boulevard to SH 45 SE
- What are the problems being addressed?(Project Need)
- -Safety
- -Congestion
- Mobility
- What are we trying to do? (Project Purpose)
- Increase safety and mobility on I-35 for the traveling public



## Project Evolution

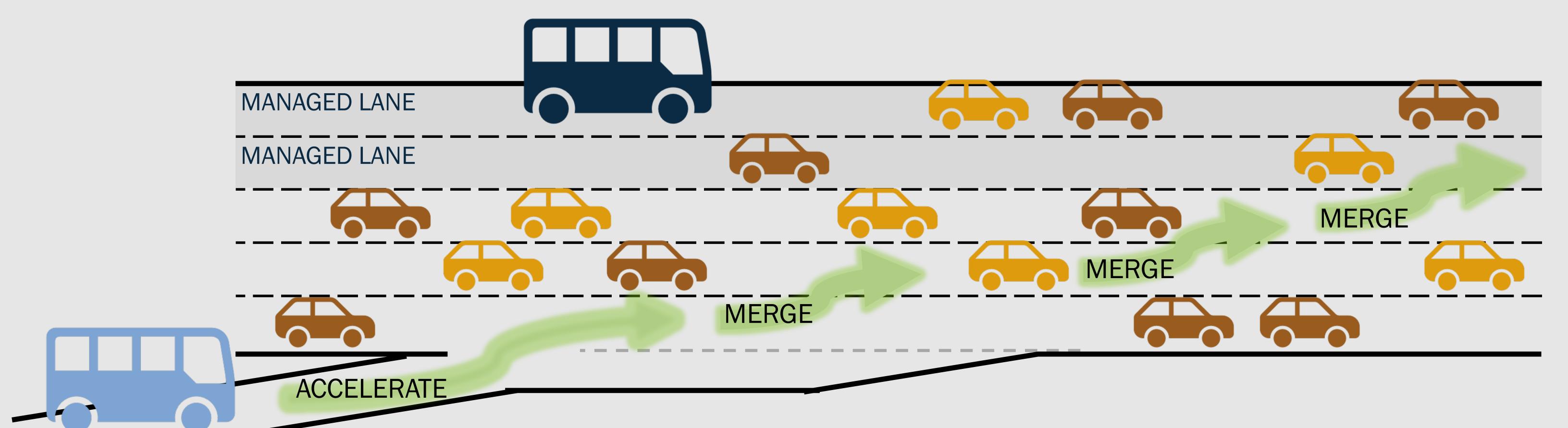




## Elevated vs. Existing and Surface-level Conflict Points



Conflict points are where vehicles' paths merge, diverge or cross.



Existing
111
Conflict Points

Surface level
19
Conflict Points

Elevated

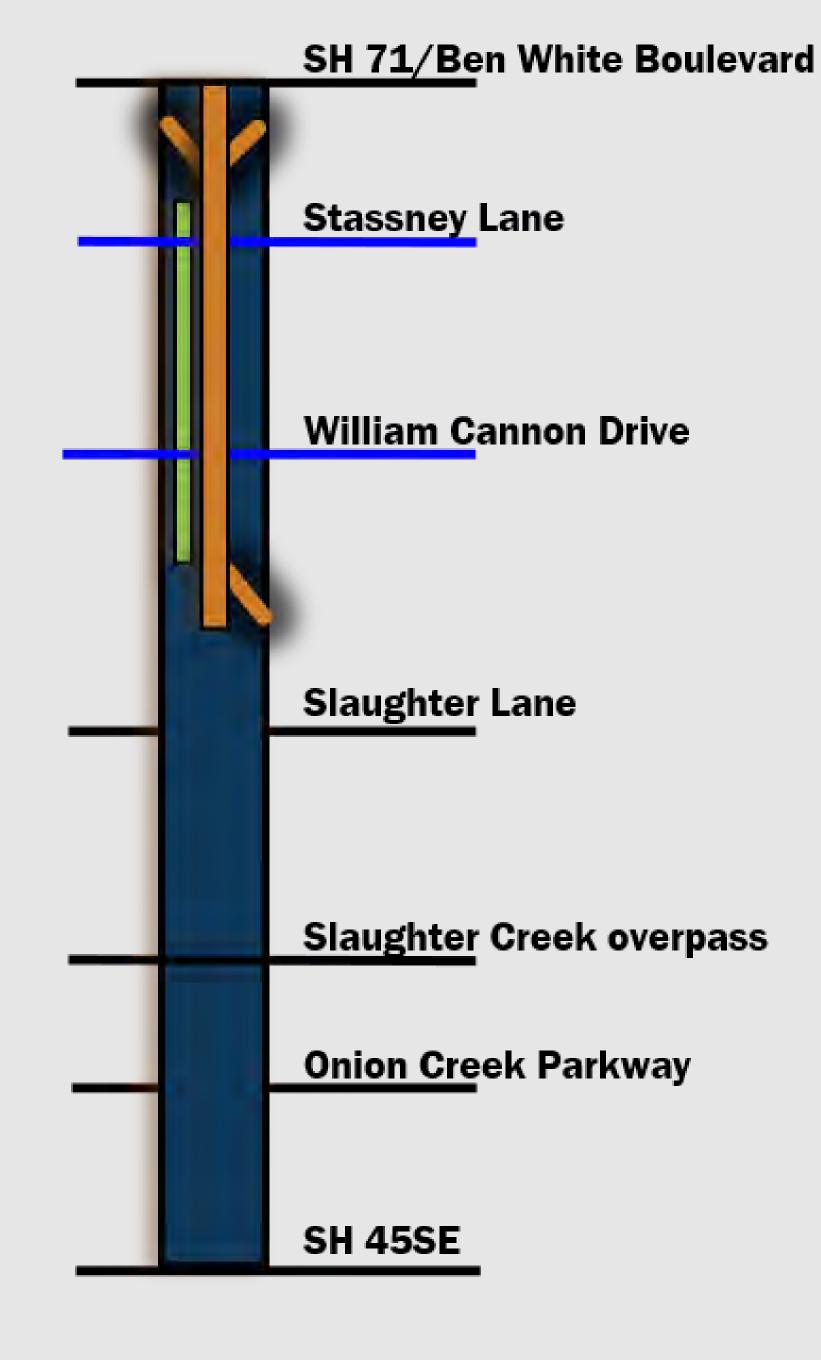
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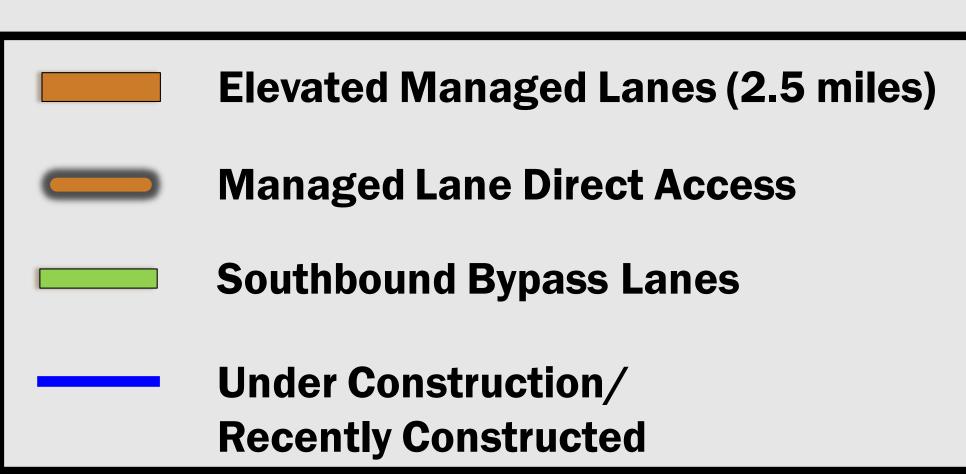
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### I-35 Capital Express South – Proposed Build Alternative



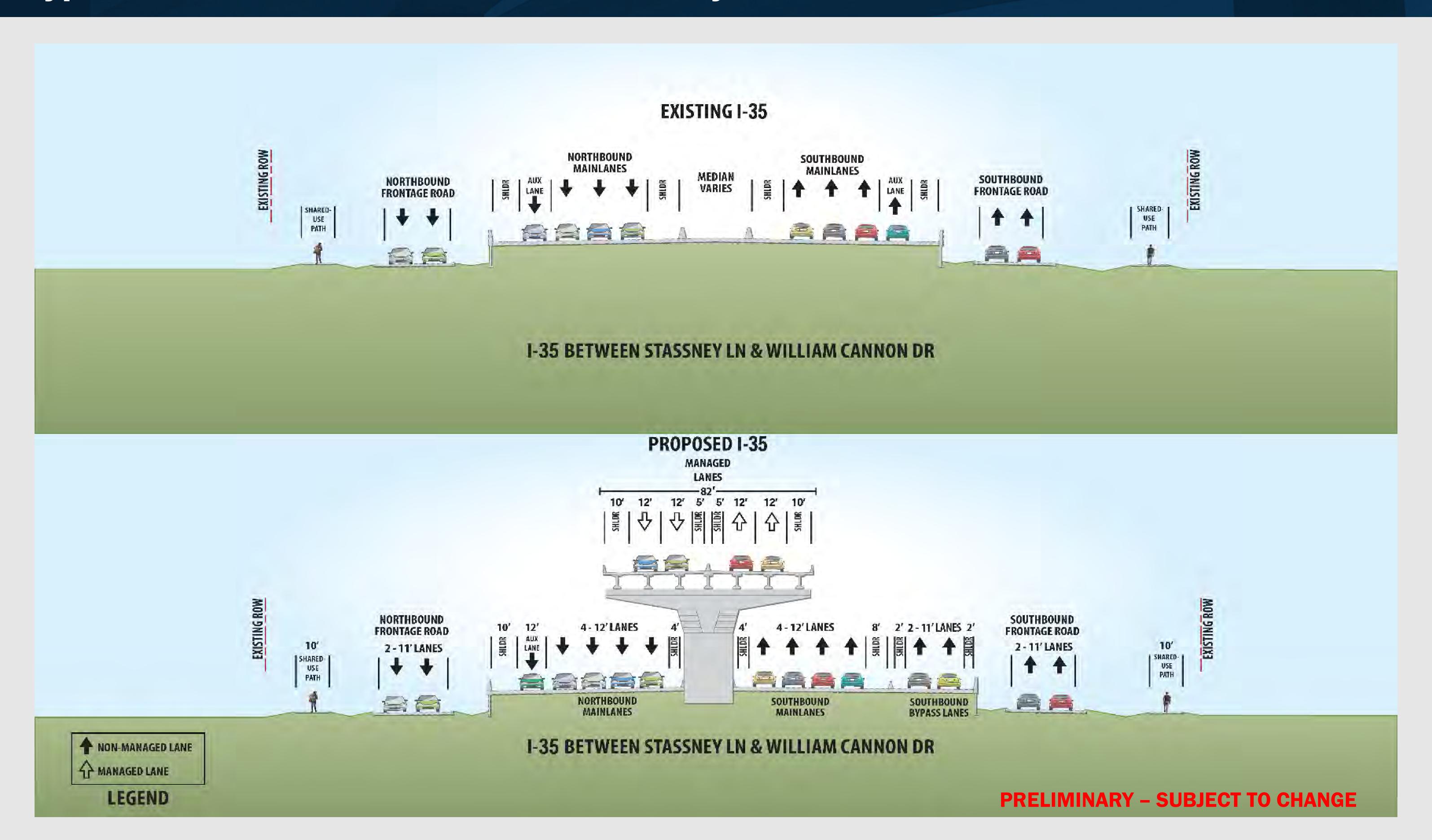
- Mobility and safety improvements include:
  - Adding two non-tolled managed high-occupancy vehicle lanes in each direction
    - 7.6 miles from SH 71/Ben White Blvd. to SH 45SE
    - Improves transit operations and mobility
  - -Improving/adding bicycle and pedestrian paths
    - Approximately 13 miles of new shared-use paths in addition to 3 miles of recently constructed shared-use paths
  - Reconstructing bridges
  - Addressing safety and mobility
    - Adds 1.7 miles of intersection bypass lanes for safer and faster access to/from the mainlanes and to benefit local and regional mobility
    - Eliminates 5 direct mainlane merges
    - Improves east/west connections over or under I-35





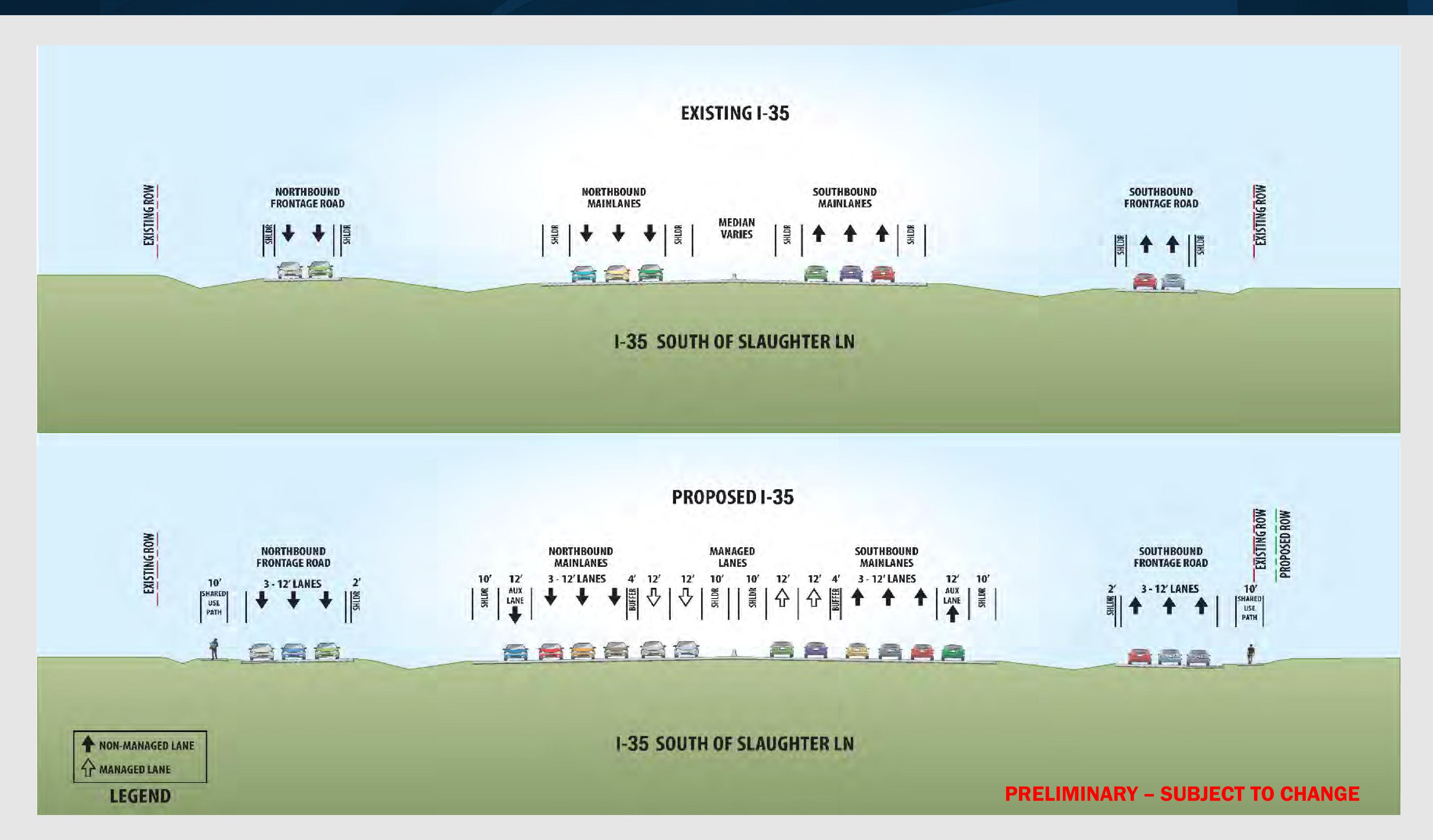
## Texas Department of Transportation

#### Typical Sections – I-35 between Stassney Lane and William Cannon Drive



## Typical Sections – I-35 South of Slaughter Lane





### Environmental Overview



 The Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared for this project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The environmental study identified and assessed potential impacts to the natural and human environment, including:



#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Assignment to the Texas Department of Transportation

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

### Environmental Overview - Community Impacts Assessment

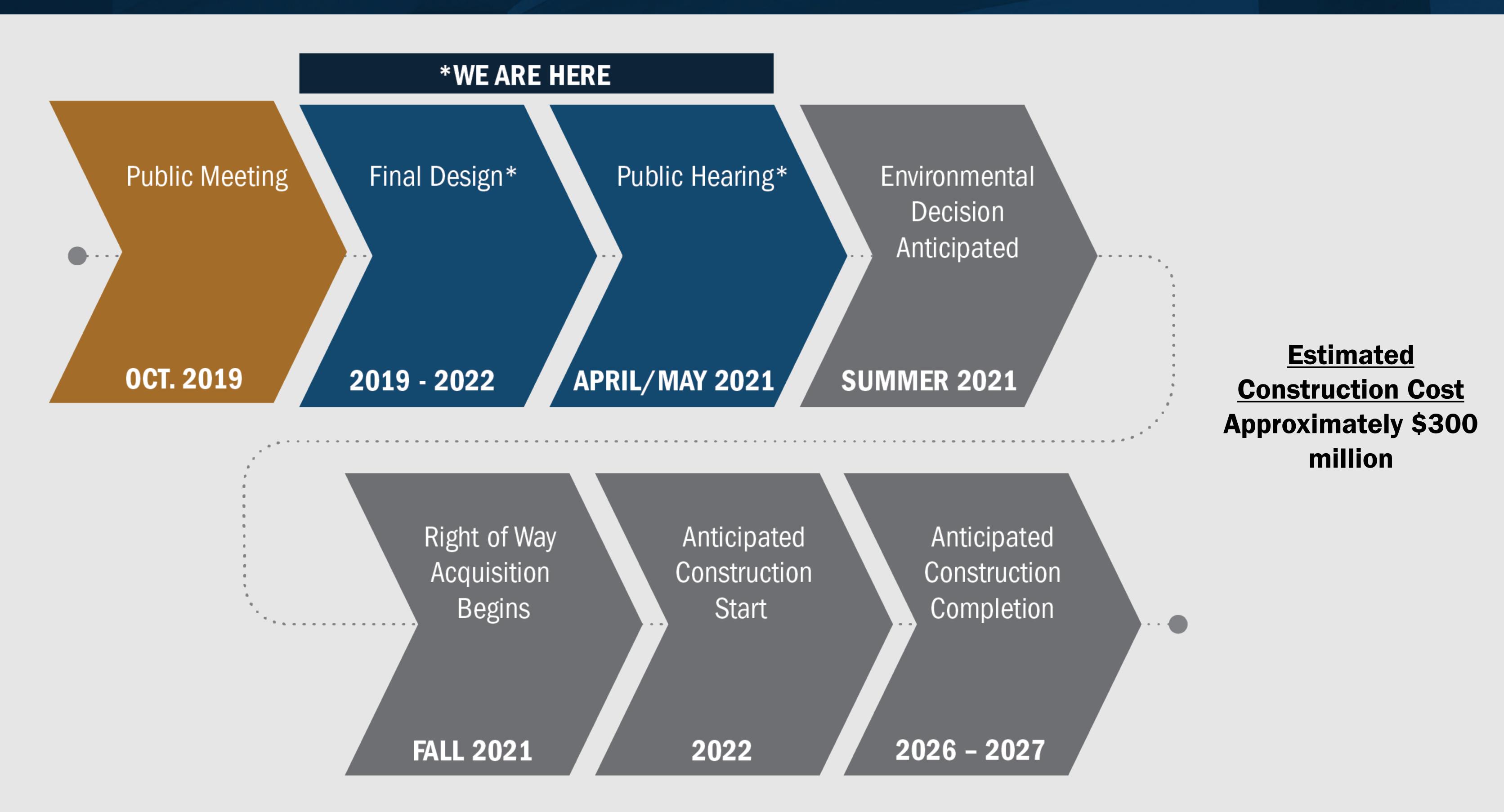




- According to the Community Impacts Assessment, the proposed project is not anticipated to result in negative impacts to access, travel patterns or community cohesion
  - The proposed project would reduce travel times, increase safety and improve bike/ped facilities
  - The proposed project would not affect, separate, or isolate any distinct neighborhoods, ethnic groups or other specific groups
- The requirements of Executive Order (EO) 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, are satisfied
  - No disproportionally high and adverse impacts to minority or low-income populations are anticipated

## Next Steps

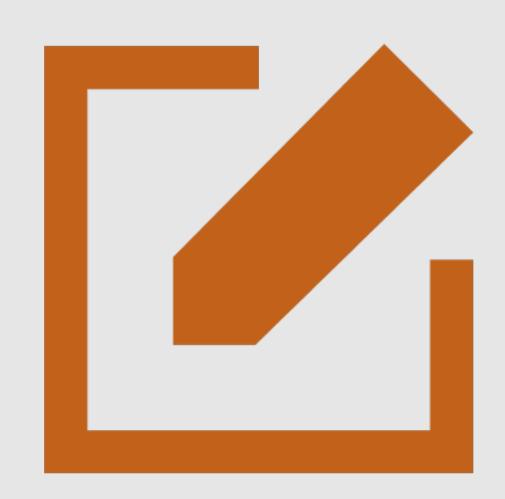




### How to Provide Feedback



All comments must be provided by Wednesday, May 26, 2021 to be included in the official hearing record.



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